

VIA TELEPHONE CONFERENCE
CITY OF TAFT
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020
KIVA HUT – 402 PARK STREET
6:30 P.M.

In accordance with Section 551.041 of the Government Code, notice is hereby given that a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Taft will be held on the 8th day September 2020, at 6:30 p.m. at the Kiva Hut, 402 Park St, Taft, Texas 78390.

You may join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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The public will be permitted to offer public comments via telephone as provided by the agenda and as permitted by the presiding officer during the meeting.

A recording of the telephone conference will be made, and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

1. Call to order and quorum check.
2. Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance.
3. VISITORS - At this time, comments will be taken from the audience on any subject matter. To address the Council, please sign the Opinion/Speaker Registration Form located on the table at the entrance of the meeting room and deliver to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Should there be more than five (5) people who wish to speak on a particular issue they need to select one (1) representative to speak for them. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item which has not been posted on the agenda. Citizens are to refrain from any personal attacks on the council or any member of the staff. Failure to abide by these policies could result in a charge of disorderly conduct.
4. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the City's proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which begins October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2021.
5. Conduct a public hearing to hear comments for and against the proposed 2020 property tax rate for the City of Taft.
6. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1061, an ordinance to approve the City's budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, which begins October 1, 2020 and ends September 30, 2021.
7. Consider, discuss and take action to adopt Ordinance No. 1062 to:
 - (1) Approve and levy an ad valorem total tax rate of \$0.770000 for the use and support of the City for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all property within the corporate City limits;

- (2) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the ***maintenance and operations (M&O)*** of the City at a tax rate of \$0.497072 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits;
 - (3) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the ***debt service (I&S)*** of the City at a tax rate of \$0.272928 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the corporate City limits; and
 - (4) Approve, levy and apportion ad valorem taxes for the ***debt service (I&S)*** of the City at a tax rate of \$0.246785 on each \$100.00 of assessed valuation on all taxable property within the Deannexed Southwest Taft area
8. Consider, discuss and take action to approve a contract for professional website design with Tech Rehome LLC.
 9. Consider and discuss update regarding the city's financial condition as it relates to bonded debt, past dues, recurring payments, revenues and expenditures.
 10. Consider, discuss and take action to approve the purchase of a Scag Turf Tiger 72" mower for the public works department.
 11. Consider, discuss and take action to cast votes for the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees election.
 12. Discussion on re-establishing the Hidalgo Community Center Advisory Board.
 13. Discuss update of individuals applying for city manager. Also, set original criteria/standards which will be used as guidelines in regards to the process for the future city manager. These criteria/standards will be fluid, not permanent and upon majority consensus become the standard which will be applied as part of the process of hiring the future city manager, respectively. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
 14. Discuss incorporating Pride of Taft, Planning & Zoning, TQIC minutes, information on the City of Taft website as links etc. for decimation to the public for total transparency by Brandon Cornish/Computer Consultant. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
 15. Discussion on a forensic audit for the City Of Taft financial accounts to be administered by an independent group. *(Councilman Rodriguez)*
 16. Consider, discuss, and take action to enter into interlocal agreement between the City of Taft and Taft Volunteer Fire Department for the use of the City's shooting range for training purposes. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
 17. Consider, discuss, and take action to amend Resolution 636 by approving Resolution 637, a resolution of the city council of the City of Taft, Texas authorizing the Taft Fireworks Extravaganza; authorizing the in-kind and financial support and sponsorship of the event by the city; and establishing an effective date. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
 18. Consider, discuss, and take action to approve a one-day waiver on Ordinance No. 779, Section V, to allow the sell of alcohol by an approved Pride of Taft vendor provided that said vendor obtains a valid city permit to sell alcohol at the Fireworks Extravaganza. *(Councilman Vasquez)*
 19. Consider, discuss, and take action on National Night Out 2020.
 20. Update on Taft Cemetary Situation. *(Mayor Lopez)*

21. Consider, discuss, and take action on delinquent water accounts due to Covid-19 waivers. (*Councilman Vasquez*)
22. Discuss monthly updates for police department, animal control, code enforcement, and public works.
23. Consider, discuss and take action to approve Ordinance No. 1063, an emergency ordinance of the City of Taft, Texas extending a local state of disaster declaration due to a public health emergency for ninety (90) calendar days from date of ordinance.
24. Discuss, consider and act on the operational and logistical measures related to the City's preparedness and response to the federal, state, and city's local state of emergency declarations due to a public health emergency known as Covid-19 pandemic.
25. City Council Requests and Announcements:
 - Requests by Mayor and Councilmembers for items on future City Council agenda
 - Announcements by Mayor and Councilmembers
26. Adjournment.

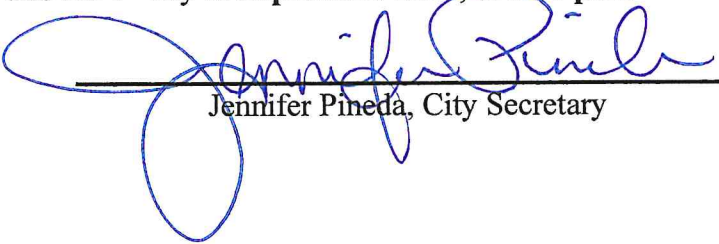
A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.071 Contemplated or pending litigation or matters where **legal advice** is requested of the City Attorney.
2. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.072 The **purchase, exchange, lease or value or real property**, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
3. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.073 A **contract for a prospective gift or donation** to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person.
4. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.074 **Personnel matters** involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee.
5. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.076 The deployment or specific occasion for the implementation of **security personnel or devices**.
6. Texas Open Meetings Act - Section 551.087 Deliberations regarding **economic development negotiations**.

NOTICE

Persons with disabilities planning to attend this meeting who may need auxiliary aids or services are asked to contact the City offices at (361) 528-3512 by Monday noon.

DATED and POSTED this the 4th day of September 2020, at 5:00 p.m.


Jennifer Pineda, City Secretary